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# Public Notice

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Reply To:  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Attn: CEMVS-CO-F  
1222 Spruce Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.  
**P-2480**  
Public Notice Date  
**June 22, 2005**

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**Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:**

Expiration Date  
**July 12, 2005**

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File Number: 2004002241

Interested parties are hereby notified that a request has been received for a Department of the Army, Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act permit, to permanently moor a floating banquet vessel and deflection barge adjacent to the old Alton Lock and Dam wall, see attached map and drawings.

**COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date (**July 12, 2005**) to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: CO-F (Charles Frerker)  
1222 Spruce Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

**APPLICANT:** Ricki L. Jones, American Riverway Property, LLC, 302 Evans Avenue, Wood River, Illinois 62095 (618) 251-4116.

**LOCATION:** The project site is located along remnant portions of the old Alton Lock wall, which is situated along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate River Mile 202.9, in Alton, Madison County, Illinois (See Location Map).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant requests permission to permanently moor a stationary three story floating banquet vessel, a deflection barge and three associated boarding ramps adjacent to remnant portions of the old Alton Lock wall. The vessel measures 289-feet-long by 54-feet-wide and would be used for event receptions and banquets. Two 6-feet-wide ramps and a single 10-feet-wide ramp would cross excavated portions of the remnant Alton lock wall and emanate to the moored banquet vessel for access and boarding purposes. A combination of standoff struts and steel wire cable ties would be used to moor the vessel off the lock wall. The riverward most extent of the banquet vessel would extend 93 feet from the lock wall. A stationary barge measuring 289-feet-long by 53-feet-wide would be permanently moored in an angled position immediately upstream and adjacent to the proposed banquet vessel for protection and deflection purposes. The riverward most extent of the deflection barge would extend 153 feet from the remnant lock wall. The average depth beneath the stationary vessels, at normal pool, is approximately 24-feet-deep. The applicant would be required to comply with proper lighting, mooring and other marine safety requirements. (See Attached Drawing).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information may be obtained by contacting Charles Frerker, Rivers Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8583 or at electronic mail address: *Charles.F.Frerker@mvs02.usace.army.mil*

**AUTHORITY:** The proposed activities will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), Gray bat (**Myotis grisescens**), and the threatened Bald eagle (**Haliaeetus leucocephalus**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed activity will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, written comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

**EVALUATION:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Danny D. McClendon, Chief  
Regulatory Branch

Attachments

**NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:**

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of issuance of

this notice. The public notice comment period expires on July 12, 2005.

This topographic map depicts the Alton, Illinois area, focusing on the Mississippi River and the Alton Slough. The city of Alton is shown in the upper right, with features like the Public Square, St. Charles Hospital, and National Cemetery. The Mississippi River flows along the left side, with the Mississippi River Conservation Area marked. The Alton Slough is a large body of water in the center, containing Ellis Island. The Clark Bridge spans the slough. The Lock and Dam No. 26 is located near the Project Site, which is marked with a red dot. The map includes contour lines, roads, and a scale bar at the bottom ranging from 0 to 2 miles. A dashed line indicates the boundary between Madison County and St. Charles County.



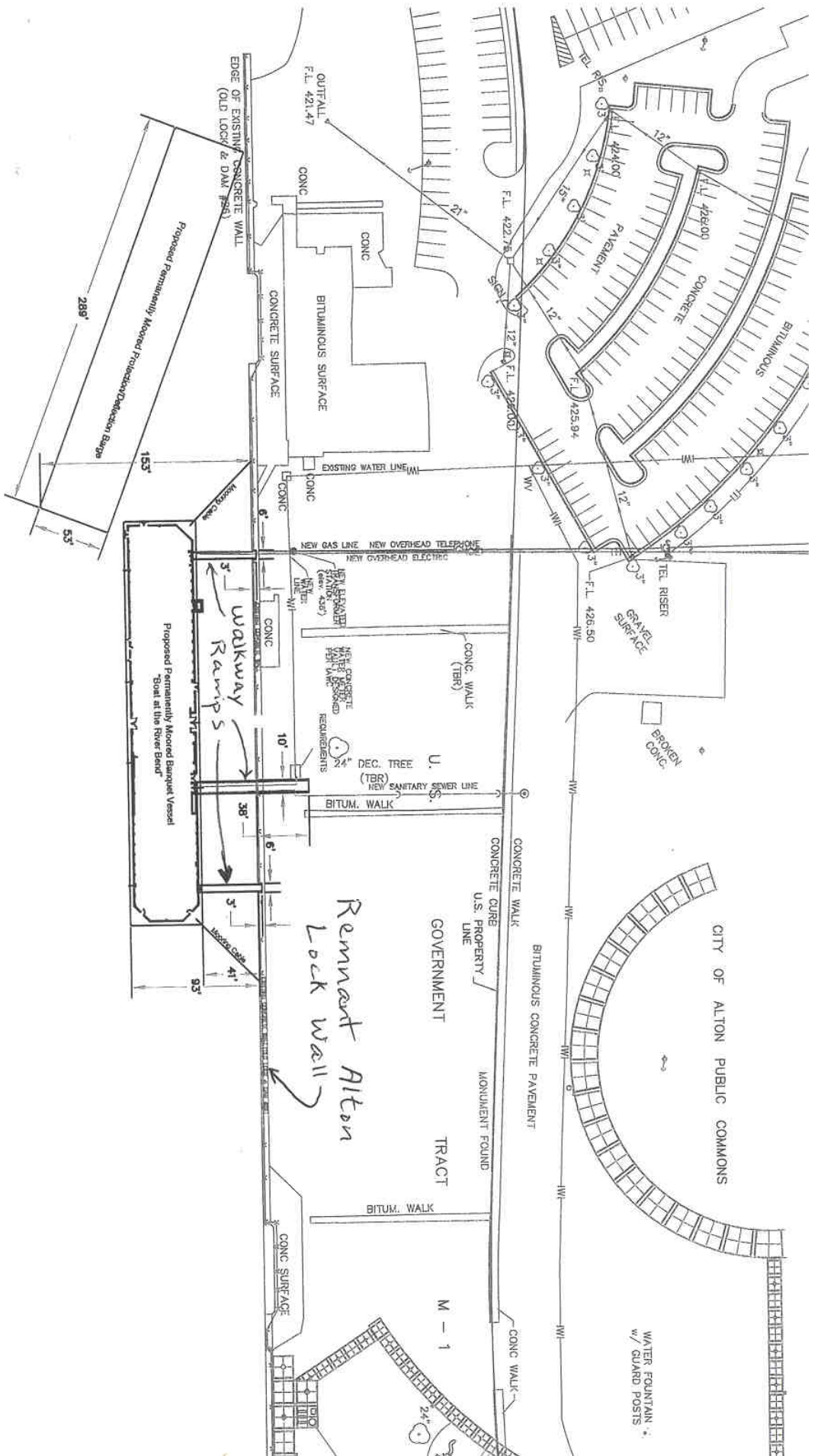
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County: Madison  
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(-90.18476658)  
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UTM Y: 4307842.573  
UTM Zone: 15  
USGS Quad: Alton  
HUC 8 Name: Peruque-piasa  
HUC 8 Number: 07110009  
Section:  
Township:  
Range:  
Meridian:



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Land Side of Vessel